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## Bush Is Opposed for CIA Post

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WASHINGTON — The chairman of a committee investigating U.S. intelligence activities urged yesterday that the Senate reject President Ford's "ill-advised...astonishing" nomination of George Bush, a former Republican National chairman, to head the CIA.

"The line must be drawn somewhere, and a man of Mr. Bush's prolonged involvement in partisan activities at the highest party level surely passes over that line," Sen. Frank Church (D., Idaho) said in a Senate speech.

Church's intelligence committee has been investigating U.S. intelligence activities for nine months.

Ford on Nov. 3 announced his nomination of Bush, to succeed William E. Colby.

"I find the President's appointment astonishing," Church said of Bush, who now heads the U.S. liaison office in China. "It is one thing to choose an individual who may have had political experience, and quite another to choose someone whose principal political role has been that of chairman of the Republican National Committee."

Church said Bush's nomination was "so ill-advised" because the CIA "must resist all the partisan pressures which may be brought to bear by various groups inside and outside the government, including partisan pressures from the White House itself."

Church noted that Ford had not eliminated Bush as a possible vice presidential running-mate in 1976, and questioned whether Bush could stand up to pressures from a Republican president in an election year.

Church's view was challenged by Sen. John Tower (R., Tex.), vice chairman of the Church committee. He told reporters that those "concerned about politicization of the CIA should be just as concerned about politicization of investigations of the CIA."